

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

The examiner has requested restriction of the above identified application between two (2) groups of inventions, asserting that each group is patentably distinct from the other.

The applicant hereby elects (without prejudice to the right to file any divisional application) the invention of group I, namely claims 1 to 15 and 19.

By the present the applicant also wishes to make a number of editorial amendments to the disclosure and claims.

Thus, with respect to claims 1, 9, 16 and 18 the applicant wishes to specify that the first and second regions are **doped regions**; please see for example page 18 lines 16 to 24. With respect to claims 16 and 18, the applicant wishes to replace the word --portions-- with the word members; i.e. to reflect the previous wording of these claims. The applicant also wishes to specify in claims 9 and 18 that the first conductive region is a laid down conductive region; please see claim 16 as well as figure 14 and the related passages on page 29 lines 14 to 31.

The applicant further wishes to amend claim 19 to reflect the passage from page 8 line 27 to page 9 line 5.

In light of the amendments to the claims the applicant wishes to make corresponding amendments to the statements of invention on pages 3, 4, 5 and 6. The applicant further wishes to amend page 18 and page 24 to reflect the modifications to the claims, i.e. that both the first and second regions are **doped regions**. The applicant also wishes to amend page 23 (2nd and 3rd lines) to insert the word **region** e.g. to reflect line 4 on this page.

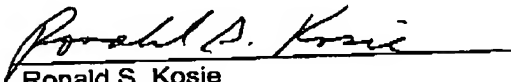
If any extension of time is necessary, the United States Patent and Trademark Office us hereby petitioned for such an extension and may charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account no. 02-3980.

If any further fee, whatsoever, with respect to the present application is due, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is in any event hereby authorized to charge such further amount to our Deposit Account no. 02-3980.

Favourable reconsideration of the present application in light of the forgoing amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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